I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The FCC has already gone against the public interest by revoking the Fairness Doctrine, by ex post facto endorsing Rupert Murdoch and News Corporation's violation of station limits, and by allowing highly concentrated ownership of media both locally and nationwide.

Another loosening of rules will leave very little restraint on the trend to monopoly control of broadcasting. Please don't do it!